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Governor M. Jodi Rell Nominates Rep. Googins to Commission on Unfunded Mandates



HARTFORD- Representative Sonny Googins (R-Glastonbury) has been named by Governor M. Jodi Rell to the Governor's Commission on Unfunded Mandates. The Commission will study and make recommendations for changes or elimination of mandates passed by the state to municipalities without paying for those

requirements.

For eight years Googins has chaired the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR) which oversees and evaluates legislatively-imposed mandates. In its annual report, it issues its findings on the impact of those mandates.

Googins has spearheaded a number of initiatives to properly fund state mandates since her days as Town Council Chairman in Glastonbury and past Chairman of the Capitol Region Council of Governments.

"I applaud Governor Rell's interest in this significant issue," said Representative Googins. "Governor Rell has long been vigilant about the dangers and inequity in unfunded state mandates, back to when she was a legislator, and as lieutenant governor when she worked extensively on the issue. I am pleased to be nominated to this commission, and will continue to work toward the proper funding of state mandates on our local governments."